# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:	l <sub>n</sub>	Геат:	CCRB Case #:	Г	Force	☐ Discourt.	
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Christopher Vredenburgh		Геат # 2	200710245		Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)	I	Location of Incident:	•	F	Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 02/24/2007 6:00 PM 07/13/2007 12:00 AM	Ī	Avenue and Servicinct stationhouse; Servicinct Street			44	8/24/2008	8/24/2008
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Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ess				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. POM Ruben Velazquez	30744	894416	044 PCT				
2. POM Juan Mora	11885	920626	044 PCT				
3. An officer			044 PCT				
4. POF Jeannette Rivera	03561	933259	044 PCT				
5. SGT Edson Garcia	03164	900340	044 PCT				
6. POM Derrick Lambert	19011	921482	044 PCT				
7. POF Nicole Tirado	25509	931332	044 PCT				
8. Officers			044 PCT				
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name				
1. POF Madelyn Perez	28462	939212	044 PCT				
2. SGT Danny Diaz	03970	923763	044 PCT				
3. POM Cedric Green	15885	926907	044 PCT				
4. POM Anthony Russo	04187	921733	044 PCT				
5. POM Edwin Perez	29705	927717	044 PCT				
6. POM Marcos Sanchez	04155	931134	044 PCT				
7. POM Santos Rivera	09402	916540	044 PCT				
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A.POM Juan Mora	Avenue an	Rebruary 24, 2007, in d \$87(2)(b) Place in itated the stop of \$87(2)(	the Bronx, Officer J	Juan	and		
B.POM Derrick Lambert	Avenue an	February 24, 2007, in d § 87(2)(b) Street in earched § 87(2)(b)	the vicinity of § 87(2) the Bronx, Officer  § 87(2)		rick		
C.POM Ruben Velazquez	Avenue an	February 24, 2007, in d Street in searched Street in	the vicinity of \$87(2) the Bronx, Officer		en		

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
D.POM Ruben Velazquez	Abuse: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$\frac{\\$ 87(2)(b)}{\} Avenue and \$\frac{\\$ 87(2)(b)}{\} Street in the Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez refused to provide his shield number to \$\frac{\\$ 87(2)(b)}{\}	
E.POM Ruben Velazquez	Abuse: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Street in the Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez threatened \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(c) with the use of force.	
F. Officers	Abuse: On February 24, 2007, at the 44th Precinct stationhouse, officers strip-searched \$\frac{8}{87(2)(b)}\$ and \$\frac{8}{87(2)(b)}\$	
G.POM Juan Mora	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Juan Mora facilitated the stop of \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(c)	
H.POF Jeannette Rivera	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$\frac{\\$87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Avenue and \$\frac{\\$87(2)(b)}{2}\$ Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera searched \$\frac{\\$87(2)(b)}{2}\$	
I.POF Jeannette Rivera	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera strip-searched \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(c) \$(b)	
J.POF Jeannette Rivera	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera frisked \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera	
K.POM Ruben Velazquez	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of the corner of  § 87(2)(b)  Avenue and § 87(2)(b)  Ruben Velazquez searched § 87(2)(b)  § 87(2) (b)	
L.POM Derrick Lambert	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Derrick Lambert threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	
M.POF Jeannette Rivera	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, at the 44th Precinct stationhouse, Officer Jeannette Rivera strip-searched \$87(2)(b)	
N. An officer	Abuse: On July 13, 2007, at the 44th Precinct stationhouse, an officer did not process \$87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers.	
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	
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## **Synopsis**

filed this complaint by phone with the CCRB on July 18, 2007,
describing alleged misconduct by NYPD officers on two separate dates nearly five months apart. On February 24, 2007, at about 6:00 PM, \$87(2)(b) and her friend, \$87(2)(b) were walking
near \$87(2)(b) Place and \$87(2)(b) Avenue in the Bronx. Officer Derrick Lambert and Officer Ruben
Velazquez stopped \$ 87(2)(b) and \$ 87(2)(c) (allegation A) in response to a radio transmission
from Officer Juan Mora. Officer Lambert allegedly searched 887(2)(b) as Officer Velazquez
searched § 87(2)(b) (allegations B and C). Officer Velazquez allegedly threatened to use force against §
and refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(b) (allegations D and E). \$87(2)(b) and
were transported to the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse and allegedly strip-searched by two
unidentified officers (allegation F). \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were charged \$87(2)(a) 160.50
On July 13, 2007, at about 2:30 PM, near the intersection of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b)
Street in the Bronx, \$87(2)(b) was stopped by Officer Velazquez, Officer Lambert, and Officer
Jeannette Rivera (allegation G) in response to a radio transmission from Officer Mora. Officer Velazquez searched \$87(2)(b) searched \$87(2)(b) searched
her pants pockets, and directed her to lift her blouse above her brassiere (allegations H, I, J, and K).
s father, approached the officers and Officer Lambert allegedly
threatened to arrest him (allegation L). At the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse, Officer Jeannette Rivera allegedly
strip-searched §87(2)(b) went to the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse to
file a complaint and an unidentified officer allegedly refused to permit him to do so (allegation N).
§ 87(2)(g)
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

## **Summary of Complaint**

§ 87(2)(b)	a §87(2)(b) year old, 5'6", 130-pound black female resident
	made statements while 2007 (encl. 6a-c), in a notice of claim filed on July 18, 2007 (encl. 5a-b), in
	v. Johnson on July 27, 2007 (encl. 7a), in her CCRB interview on August
	oto array on April 21, 2008 (encl. 9a-f), and in a telephone conversation
with Inv. Vredenburgh on May 2	0, 2008 (encl. 10a). § 87(2)(g)
February 24, 2007	
	between 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM, § 87(2)(b) met her friend, §
	came acquainted two years prior during job training, at East §87(2) Street
and § 87(2)(b) Avenue. § 87(2)(b)	went straight from her home to the meeting location on foot and
§ 87(2)(b) later informed § 87(2)(b)	that she, too, had come directly from home. They went to a
	clothing store, but no other establishments or buildings, and then st \$87(2) Street, where \$87(2)(5) s mother lives.
walked on § 87(2)(b) Avenue to East	id not purchase any narcotics, were not under the influence of any
narcotics, and did not speak with	
	Avenue and § 87(2)(b) Street, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were
	described one of the officers,
identified during investigation as	Officer Lambert, as a 5'8", 165-pound Hispanic male with dark hair who
	later obtained his name from his shield and provided it as "Lambert." The
	er Ruben Velazquez, \$87(2)(b) described as a 5'9", 190-pound
	o was dressed in uniform and she obtained his name during the incident on
	"Velazquez.") The officers told them to step against a nearby wall and
	fficer Lambert, the short and thinner officer, searched
	ning them inside out as Officer Velazquez, the taller and bigger officer, ring items to the ground as he took them out. The officers asked them
	and where they were going to, and \$87(2)(b) told them that they
	d why they had been stopped. §87(2)(b) became upset, turned from the
	earching her belongings. Officer Velazquez replied, "If you won't turn
	estle you to the floor." Officer Velazquez searched \$87(2)(b) s pockets and
	they had been stopped. § 87(2)(b) asked Officer Velazquez for his shield
	ng you guys down." The officers handcuffed \$87(2)(b) and \$37(2)
	d that they were being arrested for requesting Officer Velazquez's
	icer Velazquez said, "We're taking you guys and we're gonna search you
all some more."	OCC M
and whom § 87(2)(b)	ionhouse, an officer, identified by §87(2)(b) as Officer Mora described as a 5'8" Hispanic male with dark hair who was dressed in plain
clothes and whose name she obta	
asked her what she had been doin	
	Officer Mora replied, "That's not what I heard. Someone said they saw
you guys in a building." § 87(2)(b)	denied this and an officer, identified by § 87(2)(b)
as Officer Jeannette Rivera, who	
	and whose name she saw on her shield as "Perez," took
	Another officer, whom §87(2)(b) described as a 5'4", 145-
	c hair, was present at the bathroom. Officer Rivera directed
	hoes, socks, pants, underwear, and brassiere. Officer Rivera also directed
	her buttocks. No items were recovered and afterwards Officer Rivera
lodged § 87(2)(b) in a and informed § 87(2)(b)	holding cell. A few minutes later, \$87(2)(b) joined her in the holding cell that she was strip searched, though \$87(2)(b) did not witness
	nain calm and that they might be released with summonses. At about 1:00
AM on February 25, 2007, § 87(2)(8	
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Central Booking, where they were charged § $87(2)(a)$ 160.50 . On § $87(2)(b)$ , the charges were dropped against § $87(2)(b)$ and § $87(2)(b)$
July 13, 2007
On July 13, 2007, at about 2:30 PM, \$7(2)0 was on her way home from work, exited the East \$7(2) Street 4 train subway station, and went to \$1, \$2(2)0 home, located at \$2(2) \$2(2)0 Avenue, to speak with \$2(2)0 so with \$2(2)0 who was fixing his vehicle on \$1, \$2(2)0 was fixing his vehicle on \$1, \$2(2)0 was described as a \$1, \$2(2)0 was described between where \$2(2)0 was working on his vehicle and Officer Rivera exited the vehicle first, stating, "Put your hands up, put your hands up, where are you coming from?" \$2(2)0 was working on his vehicle and where \$2(2)0 was holding her cell phone and a leopard print purse. Officer Velazquez opened the purse, causing the two zippers to break, and looked in it. Officer Jeannette Rivera directed \$2(2)0 was positioned above her brassiere in public view for less than a minute, but more than a few seconds. Officer Jeannette Rivera then told her to remove her shoes and socks, which \$2(2)0 was a so whether she was hiding anything and what she had been doing. \$2(2)0 was as was being placed in the police vehicle and called out to \$2(2)0 who she saw as she was being placed in the police vehicle and called out to \$2(2)0 who she saw as she was being placed in the police vehicle and called out to \$2(2)0 who she saw as she was being placed in
The notice of claim, which was drafted by \$87(2)(b) s attorney, \$\square\$ \$87(2)(b) was detained in the police van for
two hours, \$87(2)(b). \$87(2)(g)  It also indicates that her handcuffs were applied too tightly, \$87(2)(g)  The notice of claim, filed on \$87(2)(b), indicates that on February 24 and July 13, 2007, \$87(2)(b)  was publicly searched, strip-searched, and wrongly arrested without probable cause and hence demands \$1,000,000 to compensate for the loss of liberty, mental anguish, and psychological disability and distress for which she has been caused out-of-pocket expenses.  Officer Jeannette Rivera told \$87(2)(b)  that she needed to search her again and took her to a bathroom. No other officers were present. Officer Jeannette Rivera directed \$87(2)(b)  to remove her shirt and pants, to lift and shake her brassiere, and to spread her buttocks. Officer Rivera also
told her to remove her hair clip and shake her hair. No items were recovered and Officer Rivera later told \$37(2)(b) that she might be released with a summons, though at 2:00 AM on July 14, 2007 was fingerprinted and photographed, and Officer Lambert informed her that she was being charged \$87(2)(a) 160.50  In the photo array on April 21, 2008, \$87(2)(b) was shown five photo arrays, which each consist of five filler photos and Officer Waikeria Velez, Officer Jeannette Rivera, Officer Nicole Tirado, Officer Madelyn Perez, and Officer Maria Lopezcruz, who represent the other female Hispanic officers working in the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct at the time of the incident. \$87(2)(b) identified Officer

Jeannette Rivera as an officer who was involved in strip-searching her on February 24, 2007 and as the female officer who stopped her on the street and subsequently strip-searched her. She did not recognize any of the other officers.

[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
Results of Investigation
Civilian Statements
a \$87(2)(b) a \$87(2)(b) a \$87(2)(b) a \$100 old black male who is 5'7", 180 pounds, \$87(2)(b) a s father, made statements concerning the incident in his CCR interview on August 6, 2007 (encl. 11a-d), in telephone conversations with Inv. Vredenburgh on Decemb 14 and 18, 2007 (encl. 12a-b), and in a photo array on December 27, 2007 (encl. 13a-e).
July 13, 2007
On July 13, 2007, at about 2:30 PM, \$67(2)(b) was repairing his vehicle at a garage on Place, which is two blocks from \$87(2)(b) home on \$87(2)(b) Avenue. \$97(2)(b) yell shortly after she had left and he looked and saw that she was being placed into a police vehicle by Officer Lambor Officer Velazquez, and Officer Rivera, who were identified through investigation. \$97(2)(b) was unable to see the officers stop her, as a van was inhibiting his line of sight. \$97(2)(b) approached the vehicle. \$97(2)(b) went to the 44th Precinct stationhouse around 4:30 PM in order to file a complaint about the fact that the officers had arrested \$97(2)(b) and the saked to see "the boss" an unidentified officer, whom he described as a white male taller than 5'7" and about 190 pounds and dressed in a uniform with three stripes on the sleeves, exited a marked police vehicle parked outside and said, "I'm the boss." \$97(2)(b) asked, "I want to obtain one of these Civilian Complaint Review Boar forms." The unidentified officer replied, "For what?" \$97(2)(b) asid that he had seen his daughter bei arrested and wished to file a complaint. The unidentified officer replied that he could not obtain the form and left the stationhouse.  \$97(2)(b) was presented with four photo arrays by the CCRB intestigator that included each 44th Precinct sergeant working at the time of the incident. \$97(2)(b) indicated that he did not recognicany of the officers, stating that he would have paid more attention to his face if he had known he would be looking at photographs.
provided statements concerning the incident in a telephone conversation with Inv. Johnson on August 24, 2007 (encl. 14a), in a telephone conversation with Inv. Vredenburgh on December 6, 2007 (encl. 14b), in her CCRB interview on April 14, 2008 (encl. 15a-d), and in a photo arron April 21, 2008 (encl. 16a-f). §87(2)(9). §87(2)(9)

February 24, 2007

During the incident on February 24, 2007, \$87(2)(b) asked Officer Velazquez, "What's your badge number?" Officer Velazquez did not provide the information and instead told Officer Lambert that they should arrest \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) described Officer Velazquez as a heavy-set male Hispanic with dark and short brown hair, who is about 40-45 years old. \$87(2)(b) was later able to see his shield number, which she provided as "30744," but he did not verbally respond to her question. She did not recall whether Officer Velazquez threatened to use physical force at the scene. At the stationhouse, \$87(2)(b) was strip-searched by two female Hispanic officers, who directed her to remove all of her

clothing and bend forward. She described one of the officers as a 5'6" Hispanic female of average build and medium skin tone with dark hair in a pony tail and in her twenties. The other was slightly taller, of lighter skin tone with a blondish hair in a pony tail and in her twenties as well. \$87(2)(b) has not had any other interactions with officers since she moved to New York City \$87(2)(b) ago. \$87(2)(b) had a Gameboy in her purse that was not returned to her or vouchered. \$87(2)(g)

In the photo array, 87(2)(b) was shown five photo arrays that each consisted of five filler photos and Officer Waikeria Velez, Officer Jeannette Rivera, Officer Nicole Tirado, Officer Madelyn Perez, and Officer Maria Lopezcruz, who represent the other female Hispanic officers working in the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct at the time of the incident. 87(2)(b) was unable to identify any officers and indicated that she did not recall the subject officers' faces.

### Officers Interviewed

Officer Ruben Velazquez from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on November 15, 2007 (encl. 17a-d). Officer Velazquez is a 5'11", 220-pound Hispanic male with brown hair and brown eyes who is \$87(2)(6) years old. On February 24, 2007, Officer Velazquez worked from 12:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the SNEU team, but did not recall with whom he worked or his assignment. His memo book for February 24, 2007 was requested and will be included in the case file if it is received. On July 13, 2007, Officer Velazquez worked from 12:00 PM to 1:35 AM on July 14, 2007 with Officer Lambert, who was the recorder, and possibly another officer, though he could not recall and did not note which officer. He did not remember if it was Officer Rivera. He did not note what vehicle they used, but stated that he was assigned to the apprehension car. He did not have any memo book entries concerning the incident.

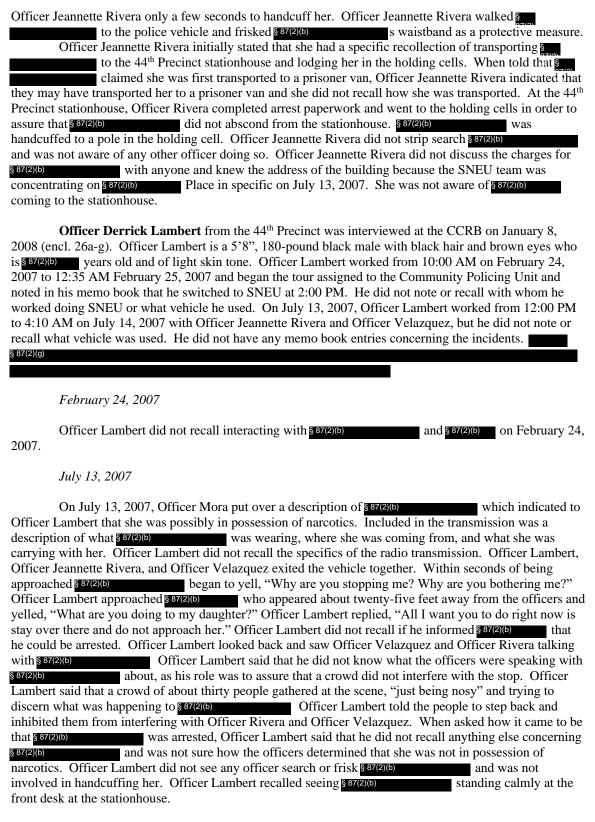
February 24, 2007

Officer Velazquez had no recollection of interacting with \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) on February 24, 2007 or of being involved in their arrests. Officer Velazquez had no recollection of with whom he worked or his assignment. He had been doing SNEU for about three months prior to the incident.

On July 13, 2007, the observation post, identified during investigation as Officer Mora, put over a

July 13, 2007

radio transmission that provided a description of two females and described them as walking on Place towards \$87(2)(b) Avenue, which, as with any description from the observation post, indicated to the apprehension vehicle to stop the females. Officer Velazquez could not recall the descriptions. Officer Velazquez was in the vicinity of the location and responded to \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in less than one minute. When they arrived, Officer Velazquez saw two females walking on Place stop. The females spoke with an older black male, identified as § 37(2)(6) at a mechanic shop a few store fronts from the corner of \$87(2)(b) Place and \$87(2)(b) Avenue. Officer Velazquez parked the vehicle at an angle pointing towards the mechanic shop. Officer Velazquez remained in the vehicle as Officer Lambert and an officer (identified during the investigation as Officer Jeannette Rivera) approached § 87(2)(b) and the unknown female. Officer Velazquez did not recall exiting the vehicle at any point and had a clear view of the interaction. Officer Lambert and Officer Rivera had a brief conversation with \$87(2)(b) other female, and Officer Velazquez stated that it was "a routine stop." Officer Velazquez did not remember several aspects of the stop. Officer Velazquez did not recall if any of the officers, including himself, frisked or searched \$87(2)(b) during the stop. He did not recall if \$87(2)(b) had a purse with her that was searched or broken during the stop. Officer Velazquez did not recall if was ordered to lift her blouse or remove her shoes and socks. During the stop, began yelling, "Daddy, daddy." § 87(2)(b) appeared, but Officer Velazquez did not recall how far he was from the officers. Officer Velazquez did not recall if any officer informed that he would be arrested if he did not back away. Less than five minutes after the officers approached § 87(2)(b) she was brought to the police vehicle. Officer Velazquez did not recall if she was brought to the prisoner van or taken directly to the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse. He was not aware of whether she was strip searched, but said she was



12:00 PM to 12:05 AM on February 25, 2007, but he did not note or recall with whom he worked or what vehicle he used. He noted in his memo book that three arrests were made, but did not note or recall what the arrests concerned. On July 13, 2007, Officer Mora worked from 12:00 PM to 1:35 AM on July 14, 2007 as the observation post, but he did not note or recall with whom he was working or what vehicle was used. He indicated that he would have had a partner on both February 24, 2007 and July 13, 2007.
§ 87(2)(a) 160.50
When questioned by Officer Velazquez about entering the building, \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) were unable to provide the names of any tenants or provide a legitimate purpose for entering the building.
February 24, 2007
Officer Mora did not recall seeing or interacting with \$37(2)(b) of \$37(2)(b) on February 24, 2007. Officer Mora stated that he always works as the observation post and had been on the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct SNEU team for about two years at the time of the incident.
July 13, 2007
On July 13, 2007, Officer Mora saw \$37(2)(b) whom he said he had never seen before, enter and exit \$87(2)(b) Place alone. He could not recall how \$67(2)(b) entered the building, but said that he generally puts over radio transmissions of people who enter Clean Halls buildings without keys and have someone let them in. Officer Mora did not question \$37(2)(b) he put over a radio transmission for an apprehension car to stop \$37(2)(b) and included a description of her and the fact that she had committed \$87(2)(a) 160.50 He did not include any indication that she was in possession of narcotics, though he said that marijuana is commonly sold in the building.  Officer Mora did not watch \$37(2)(b) interact with the officers and did not see \$7(2)(a) interact with the officers and did not see \$7(2)(a) interact with \$87(2)(b) he looked to assure that the officers stopped the correct individual and then continued observing the street.
Officer Edwin Perez from the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on February 6, 2008 (encl. 28a-f). Officer Perez is a 5'10", 185-pound Hispanic male with brown hair and brown eyes who is years old. Officer Perez noted in his memo book that he took a Chart Day on February 24, 2007 and thus did not work. On July 13, 2007, Officer Perez worked from 10:00 AM to 6:35 PM with Officer Sanchez and was assigned to the apprehension car §87(2)(6). §87(2)(6)

July 13, 2007

Officer Perez did not recall the incident on July 13, 2007. He stated that when the SNEU team uses two apprehension vehicles, generally only one vehicle will respond if there is one arrestee and no issues with the arrest, such as a crowd developing or a prisoner resisting arrest. If there is a need for assistance, the observation post requests that the second apprehension vehicle respond to perform crowd control or assist with the arrestee.

Officer Cedric Green from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on March 11, 2008 (encl. 29a-c). Officer Green is a 5'6", 170-pound black male with black hair and brown eyes who is years old. On February 24, 2007, Officer Green worked from 12:00 PM to 8:35 PM with Officer Lambert and was assigned to the prisoner van. On July 13, 2007, Officer Green worked from 12:00 PM to 8:35 PM with Officer Santos Rivera in the prisoner van. He did not have any memo book entries concerning the incidents.

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Green did not have any recollection of interacting with \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) on either incident date. He stated that normally the prisoners are brought by the apprehension cars to the prisoner van, which at a location remote from the set. Officer Green indicated that the SNEU team generally concentrates on three buildings on \$87(2)(b) Place, two of which are known for heroin and one of which is known for marijuana.

Sergeant Edson Garcia from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on January 25, 2008 (encl. 27a-f). Sergeant Garcia is a 5'8", 180-pound Hispanic male with black hair and brown eyes who is old. On February 24, 2007 and July 13, 2007, Sergeant Garcia worked from 12:00 PM to 8:57 PM as the SNEU supervisor, but he did not note or recall with whom he worked or what vehicle he used. He did not have any memo book entries concerning either incident.

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Marcos Sanchez from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on January 3, 2008 (encl. 24a-c). Officer Sanchez is a 5'7", 165-pound Hispanic male with black hair and brown eyes who is old. Officer Sanchez did not work with the SNEU team on February 24, 2007, which is documented in the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Roll Call. On July 13, 2007, Officer Sanchez worked from 12:00 PM to 8:35 PM and was assigned to the SNEU team with Officer Edwin Perez and Sergeant Garcia in vehicle but he did not note or recall their assignment. He did not have any memo book entries concerning either incident.

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Edwin Perez did not recall interacting with or seeing \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) or either February 24, 2007 or July 13, 2007.

Officer Nicole Tirado from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on January 3, 2007 (encl. 25a-e). Officer Tirado is a 5'2", 135-pound Hispanic female with black hair and brown eyes who is years old. On February 24, 2007, Officer Tirado did not work, according to the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Roll Call, and she did not provide her memo book for February 24, 2007, which was requested and will be included in the case file when it is received. On July 13, 2007, Officer Tirado worked from 12:00 PM to 8:35 PM on the SNEU team, but did not note or recall her assignment, with whom she worked, or what vehicle she used.

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Tirado did not recall seeing or interacting with \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) and did not conduct any strip-searches of them.

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Perez indicated that she does not work with the SNEU team and works patrol assignments. She stated that she did not recall ever having interacted with \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) and is not familiar with either of them.

Officer Anthony Russo from the 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct was interviewed at the CCRB on December 12, 2007 (encl. 23a-b). Officer Russo is a 6'1", 175-pound white male with brown hair and brown eyes who is years old. Officer Russo did not work on February 24, 2007 and worked with Sergeant Cronin's SNEU team during Tour 2 of July 13, 2007. §87(2)(9)

February 24 and July 13, 2007

Officer Russo stated that he did not interact with or see \$87(2)(b) on February 24, 2007 or July 13, 2007 and is not familiar with them. He does not work on Sergeant Garcia's SNEU team, but does work on Sergeant Cronin's SNEU team.

#### Police Documents

February 24, 2007

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Command Log for February 24, 2007 (encl.30a) indicates that \$37(2)(b) and \$4000 mere arrested by Officer Mora and at the front desk at 6:50 PM. \$37(2)(b) had \$500 in cash in her possession and \$37(2)(b) had \$36.00 in cash. They were both charged and were in apparently normal physical and mental condition. The Command Log does not indicate that \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) were strip-searched.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Tour 3 Roll Call for February 24, 2007 (encl. 31a-j) indicates that Sergeant Garcia was the SNEU supervisor. Officer Lambert was initially assigned to the Community Policing Unit. Officer Mora, Officer Green, and Officer Velazquez were assigned to the SNEU team.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Prisoner Holding Pen Roster for February 24, 2007 (encl. 32a) indicates that and and were lodged in the holding cells at 7:00 PM and were taken to Bronx Central Booking at 12:20 AM on February 25, 2007.

July 13, 2007

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Command Log for July 13, 2007 (encl. 33a) indicates that \$87(2)(b) was arrested by Officer Rivera and at the front desk at 4:10 PM. She was in apparently normal physical and mental condition and charged \$87(2)(a) 160.50 was strip searched.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Tour 3 Roll Call for July 13, 2007 (encl. 32a-k) indicates that Sergeant Garcia was the SNEU supervisor. Officer Lambert, Officer Rivera, Officer Green, Officer Edwin Perez, Officer Tirado, Officer Santos Rivera, Officer Sanchez, and Officer Mora were assigned to the SNEU team.

The 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct Prisoner Holding Pen Roster for July 13, 2007 (encl. 35a) indicates that was lodged in the holding cells at 4:00 PM by Officer Mora. She was taken to Bronx Central Booking at 1:00 AM on July 14, 2007.

### Subject Officer CCRB History

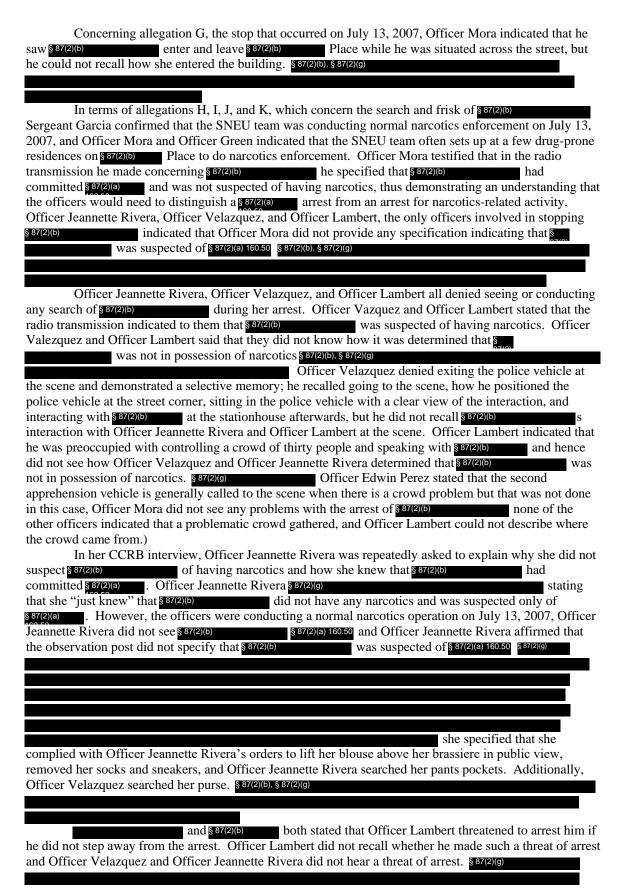
Officer Jeannette Rivera has been with the NYPD for four years and has been the subject of one substantiated CCRB allegation (encl. 3a-f). In CCRB case #200703011, Officer Jeannette Rivera was the subject officer of a substantiated strip search allegation regarding an incident in which she directed an individual to lower her pants in public view and denied doing so. The NYPD disposition regarding this allegation was not available in CTS, but the CCRB board recommended charges. Sergeant Garcia has been with the NYPD for sixteen years and has not been the subject officer of any substantiated CCRB allegations. Officer Lambert has been with the NYPD for nine years and has not been the subject officer of any substantiated CCRB allegations. Officer Tirado has been with the NYPD for five years and has not

been the subject officer of any substantiated CCRB allegations. Officer Velazquez has been with the NYPD for twenty years and has not been the subject officer of any substantiated CCRB allegations. Officer Mora has been with the NYPD for ten years and has not been the subject officer of any substantiated CCRB allegations.

substanti	ated CCRB allegations.
Complai	nant CCRB History
4a-b).	Neither § 87(2)(b) nor § 87(2)(b) has filed any other complaints with the CCRB (encl.
Complai	nant Criminal Conviction History
[	[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]
Notice of	f Claim
filed a no	§ 87(2)(b) of the NYC Office of the Comptroller confirmed that § 87(2)(b) otice of claim, which is discussed above (encl. 5a-b).
	<b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b>
Officer I	dentification
Mora ind makes the saw the makes the described black ma	and \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) stated that they were stopped on February 24, 2007. Officer licated that he was assigned as the observation post on February 24, 2007, in which assignment he determination for the field team to stop individuals. \$87(2)(9) stated that she was searched after being stopped on February 24, 2007. She name of the subject officer on his shield and provided it as Officer Lambert. \$87(2)(b) dhim as a 5'8", 165-pound Hispanic male with dark hair. Officer Lambert is a 5'8", 180-pound alle with black hair and brown eyes who is \$87(2)(b) years old and of light skin tone. Officer was working on the SNEU team at the time of the incident on February 24, 2007.
described Officer V	stated that they were searched directly after being stopped on February 24, 2007.  the name of the officer who stopped her, which she provided as Officer Velazquez. She him as a heavy set male Hispanic with dark and short brown hair, who is about 40-45 years old. Velazquez is a 5'11", 220-pound Hispanic male with brown hair and brown eyes who is \$87(2)(5) and was working on the SNEU team at the time of the incident on February 24, 2007.
	stated that the officer who searched her, identified as Officer Velazquez, refused to
provide h	stated that the officer who searched her, identified as Officer verazquez, refused to his shield number.  §87(2)(b) indicated that the same officer said, "If you won't turn we're gonna have to wrestle you to the floor."  §87(2)(9)
None of twhether t	and \$87(2)(b) alleged that they were strip-searched on February 24, 2007. the officers interviewed recalled interacting with them on February 24, 2007, and in specific they were strip-searched. \$87(2)(b) indicated that Officer Jeannette Rivera stripher on February 24, 2007, but Officer Jeannette Rivera was not working at the time of the

incident. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) indicated that the subject officers were Hispanic female

officers. §87(2)(b) were shown photos of the other female Hispanic officers working on the SNEU team as well as Officer Perez and they were unable to identify the subject officers.
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\$87(2)(g)  \$87(2)(b)  stated that she was stopped on July 13, 2007. Officer Mora indicated that he
made the determination for the officers to stop § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(g)
identified Officer Jeannette Rivera in the photo array as the female officer who was involved in stopping her. She stated that Officer Jeannette Rivera directed her to lift her blouse, remove her shoes and socks, and searched her pants pockets. Officer Jeannette Rivera acknowledged that she was the only female officer involved in the stop and frisked \$87(2)(5)
indicated that Officer Velazquez, whose name she provided and who she described as a 5'9", 190 pound Hispanic male with dark hair, opened her purse. § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(g)
s87(2)(b) and s87(2)(b) indicated that an officer, who s87(2)(b) described as a 5'7"-5'8" black male of medium build, threatened to arrest s87(2)(b) Officer Lambert is a 5'8", 180 pound black male with black hair and brown eyes who is s87(2)(b) years old and of light skin tone.  Officer Lambert acknowledged that he told s87(2)(b) to step back from the arrest. s87(2)(g)
Jeannette Rivera, strip searched her at the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse. §87(2)(9)
alleged that he asked an officer, who he described as a white male taller than 5'7" and about 190 pounds dressed in a uniform with three stripes on the sleeves, to file a civilian complaint. He did not have any identifying information for the subject officer.   887(2)(b) was unable to identify the subject officer when shown photos of every 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct sergeant working at the time of the incident. Sergeant Garcia denied that 887(2)(b) asked him to file a civilian complaint.
Disputed and Undisputed Facts
Regarding the February 24, 2007 incident, none of the officers recalled any aspect of the incident and therefore the circumstances of each allegation are disputed.  In terms of the incident on July 13, 2007, \$87(2)(b) disputes that she entered a residential building. Amongst the officer statements, it is disputed whether Officer Mora provided an indication of what crime \$87(2)(b) had not been involved in narcotics-related activity. Also in dispute amongst the officer statements is whether Officer Velazquez or Officer Lambert interacted with amongst the officer Jeannette Rivera searched \$87(2)(b) and whether Officer Velazquez searched her purse. Also in dispute is whether Officer Jeannette Rivera strip searched \$87(2)(b) and that \$87(2)(b) It is not dispute that Officer Jeannette Rivera frisked \$87(2)(b) and that \$87(2)(b) and that \$87(2)(b) went to the 44th Precinct stationhouse concerning \$87(2)(b) are sarrest.
Assessment of the Evidence
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
the officers involved were all interviewed at least seven months after the incident and none of them recalled the incident. The 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Command Log for February 24, 2007 does not indicate that \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were strip-searched.
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)



stated that Officer Jeannette Rivera strip searched her. Officer Jeannette Rivera stated that she checked on \$87(2)(b) to assure that she did not abscond from the holding cell area, but denied that she strip searched her. According to \$87(2)(b) \$87(2)(c) no one else witnessed the strip search. \$87(2)(c) \$87(2)(c)
the strip search. Strive trans
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
He was unable to identify the officer when shown a photo array and none of the officers interviewed stated that they heard \$87(2)(b) ask to file a civilian complaint.
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)
Allegation A: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Juan Mora stopped \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
Allegation B: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b)  Avenue and \$87(2)(b)  Street in the Bronx, Officer Derrick Lambert searched \$87(2)(b)
Allegation C: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Street in the Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez searched \$87(2)(b)
Allegation D: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Street in the
Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(b)  Allegation E: On February 24, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b)  Avenue and \$87(2)(b)  Street in the Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez threatened \$87(2)(b)  with the use of force.
stated that they were stopped and searched. They further alleged that Officer Velazquez refused to provide his name and shield number, and threatened to use force against \$87(2)(b) Officer Mora, Officer Lambert, and Officer Velazquez, the only officers involved in the stop, did not recall the incident. \$87(2)(b), \$87(2)(b)
Allegation F: On February 24, 2007, at the 44th Precinct stationhouse, officers strip-searched and \$87(2)(5)
and \$ 97(2)(b) alloged that they were strip seems bed at the 4.4th Discipat
and \$87(2)(b) alleged that they were strip searched at the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct stationhouse. They were unable to identify the subject officers in a photo array and none of the officers interviewed recalled interacting with them on February 24, 2007 or whether they were strip searched. Additionally, the Command Log does not indicate that \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were strip
searched. §87(2)(9)
Allegation G: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b)  Avenue and \$87(2)(b)  Place in the Bronx Officer Juan Mora stopped \$87(2)(b)
stated that she was stopped and she denied entering any residential buildings
beforehand. Officer Mora testified that he determined to have \$87(2)(b) stopped because he saw her enter and leave a Clean Halls building as he was sitting in a police vehicle across the street. \$87(2)(0)
Officer
Mora did not recall how \$87(2)(b) entered the building and affirmed that the basis for the stop

was the fact that she had entered and left the building. The NYPD Legal Guidelines for Citizen Encounters In Trespass Affidavit Buildings (encl. 1a-b) outlines the legal justification needed in order to conduct a stop for trespassing in Trespass Affidavit Buildings. The guidelines state, "It should be understood that when an officer is not in the building (E.G. sitting across the street in an R.M.P.), merely observing an individual entering and exiting the building, or simply exiting the building, is not enough to conduct a stop." The guideline states that without more factors increasing the officer's suspicion, simply seeing someone enter and leave the building does not alone justify a stop. The NYPD Street Encounters: Legal Issues guide (encl. 2a-h) and New York State Penal Law 140.50 (encl. 2a-h) indicate that officers must establish reasonable suspicion before stopping individuals.
PD v. Dowd and Rose (encl. 2a-h) states that misconduct is committed "if the officer acted with knowledge that he was acting improperly, acted without concern for the propriety of his actions, or acted without due and reasonable care that his actions be proper." Officer Mora has been with the NYPD for ten years and working as the observation post of the 44 <sup>th</sup> Precinct SNEU team for two years before the date of the incident. §87(2)(5).§87(2)(5)
Allegation H: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera searched \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera frisked \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera frisked \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Ruben Velazquez searched \$87(2)(b)
stated that she was searched by Officer Jeannette Rivera and Officer Velazquez. Officer Jeannette Rivera and Officer Velazquez denied searching \$87(2)(b)
the time of the stop, Officer Jeannette Rivera and Officer Velazquez had been alerted by Officer Mora to stop \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ as part of a narcotics operation, according to Officer Lambert and Sergeant Garcia. Officer Mora was in view of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ and hence the officers were assured that they had stopped the correct individual. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$
Allegation I: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of \$87(2)(b) Avenue and \$87(2)(b) Place in the Bronx, Officer Jeannette Rivera strip-searched \$87(2)(b)
stated that Officer Jeannette Rivera directed her to raise her blouse above her brassiere while standing in public view. Officer Jeannette Rivera denied that she conducted any search of
The Finest Message Addendum (encl.) specifies that any search in which an individual's undergarments, including a brassiere, are exposed is considered a strip search as indicated in NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 208-05 (encl. 2a-h). The Finest Message and NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 208-05 both indicate that any strip search is to be conducted "in a secure area in utmost privacy." Additionally, all strip searches are to be authorized by a supervisor
prior to being conducted. §87(2)(b).§87(2)(g)

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)	
Allegation L: On July 13, 2007, in the vicinity of 88 Officer Derrick Lambert threatened to arrest 887(2)	
if he did not step away from the police vehic	ed that Officer Lambert threatened to arrest le. Officer Lambert did not recall whether he and Officer Jeannette Rivera did not hear a threat of
Allegation M: On July 13, 2007, at the 44th Precinc searched § 87(2)(b)	ct stationhouse, Officer Jeannette Rivera strip-
§ 87(2)(b) stated that Officer Jeann Rivera denied as much. The Command Log does not § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)	nette Rivera strip searched her. Officer Jeannette indicate that \$87(2)(b) was strip searched.
Allegation N: On July 13, 2007, at the 44th Precinc s 87(2)(b) 's complaint regarding officers.	t stationhouse, an officer did not process \$87(2)
alleged that an unidentified offi of the officers interviewed were aware of 887(2)(b) was unable to identify the subject officer when a show description provided does not alone effectively disting	n photo of each possible subject officer and the
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	
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